Housing crisis in Capital

229. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the plans of Government to tackle the increasing housing crisis in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): In the Draft Master Plan for Delhi (MPD)-2021, prepared by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), additional requirement of new housing stock has been estimated as 24 lakh dwelling units for the projected population of 230 lakh up to the year 2021. This includes 4 lakh dwelling units considered as the backlog, as per the census of 2001, comprising one lakh net housing shortage and the remaining for replacement of the dilapidated and kucha structures. The total requirement of housing stock is proposed to be met by way of upgradation/densification of the existing housing stock and creation of additional housing in the NCT of Delhi, as also by way of generation of additional housing stock in NCR region. Draft MPD-2021 also envisages the development of 20,000-22,000 hectares of land as Urban Extension through a mix of acquisition and assembly/development of land and housing with involvement of private sector.

Infrastructure model to ease traffic congestion

230. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has initiated a study to develop an infrastructure model to ease traffic congestion in 30 cities with the help of a US-based traffic and transportation planning company;

(b) if so, the details of the study;

(c) the details of cities that have been identified in the State of Andhra Pradesh for this study;

(d) whether any time-frame has been fixed within which the report has to be submitted by the US company; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) A comprehensive study on traffic and transportation policies and strategies in urban areas in India has been awarded to M/s Wilbur Smith Associates Pvt. Ltd. The firm is registered in India with headquarters at Bangalore. The aim of the study is to establish a comprehensive baseline of the traffic and transport scenario in urban areas in India, establish and independent and reliable basis for the formulation of future policies and programmes for the management of Urban Transport in India and form a reliable database for future research in the area of Urban Transport.

(c) Hyderabad.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The date of submission of final report is May, 2007.

Condition of Government houses

231. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government houses in Delhi are not being kept in good condition by the CPWD in which broken doors and windows are not being repaired/replaced for considerable months;

(b) whether modern day amenities are not being provided in Type I to IV Government houses for installation of air-conditioners and the steps taken to make suitable provisions for the installation of air-conditioners a present day necessity; and

(c) the existing details of the norms of facilities to be provided in the said category of houses and is there any proposal to change those norms in the present day conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir. Government houses are being maintained by CPWD in good condition. Broken doors/windows are repaired/replaced as and when required.

(b) Amenities are provided in all types of quarters as per Government norms. As per latest norms, in new houses being constructed there is provision for one power outlet for AC Unit/Geyser in Type I to Type III quarters. In Type IV quarters two power outlets have been provided for the purpose. Upgradation of facilities in old quarters is taken up on vacation only.

(c) Existing norms for electrical facilities in Government quarters of Type I to Type IV are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). As on date there is no proposal to change these norms.